(c) the schools in Uttaranchal which have been earmarked for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Under "ICT @ Schools" Scheme, financial assistance is provided to State/UTs on the basis of the Computer Education Plans received from them. The scheme was started in December, 2004. During 2004-05, there was no release to Uttaranchal State. An amount of Rs. 150.75 lakh was sanctioned for imparting Computer Education in 25 schools in Uttaranchal State during 2005-2006. Out of this, an amount of Rs. 75.00 lakh has been released as the first instalment. The amount is not released district-wise, but is released to the State as a whole.

Funds for computer literacy

1389. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of funds allotted for computer literacy in rural areas during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated with a specific purpose are not being utilized by the concerned departments;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reasons therefor, and

(e) the present level of computer literacy programme being implemented in each State as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The Department of Secondary and Higher Education has launched the scheme "Information and Communication Technology @ Schools" in December, 2004 for promoting Computer Literacy in Government and Government Aided Secondary & Senior Secondary Schools in the country. Under the scheme, no specific allocation is being made for rural areas. Details of funds sanctioned under the scheme to the States/UTs during the last two years are given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(b) to (d) No such report of non-utilisation of funds has been received in the Ministry.

(e) There are various Computer Literacy programmes taken up in different States/UTs and this Department deals with only the "ICT @ School" scheme.

Statement

Details of funds sanctioned to States/UTs for Computer Literacy during the last two years

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl.No.	Name of the States/UTs	2004-05	2005-06
1	Karnataka	389.52	1200.00
2	Andhra Pradesh	527.59	
3	Nagaland		31.96
4	Goa		292.50
5	Sikkim		270.00
6	Daman & Diu		25.00
7	Rajasthan		53.26
8	Bihar		225.00
9	Jammu & Kashmir		90.00
10	Madhya Pradesh		575.00
11	Orissa		500.00
12	Punjab		500.00
13	Arunachal Pradesh		444.81
14	Mizoram		150.00
15	Kerala		312.50
16	Uttaranchal		75.50
17	Haryana		230.50
18	Tamil Nadu		2.10
	TOTAL:	917.12	4977.63

Conference of Vice chancellors on university curriculum

1390. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether a conference of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities was held in Delhi recently:

(b) if so, the details of issues which were discussed therein;

(c) whether the Vice-Chancellors have suggested certain amendments in curriculum of universities; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?